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1 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT** CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
 2 **DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA** ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

5 **ALBERT R STEWARD, III**6 Case No: 22-cv-1428 JRT/JFD

7 Plaintiff,

8 vs.

9 **FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA,
 10 NIGERIAN DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY,
 THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA,
 JOHN DOES 1-20,**

11 Defendant(s)

12 **MURDER FOR HIRE
 CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER
 ATTEMPTED MURDER
 CRUDE AND INHUMAN TREATMENT
 TORTURE
 FALSE IMPRISONMENT
 INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF
 EMOTIONAL DISTRESS
 DEFAMATION AND FRAUD**13 **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

14 Plaintiff Albert R. Steward, III, (Steward), for his Complaint against Defendants,
 15 Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA),
 16 Central Bank of Nigeria and John Does 1-20, the evidence will show at trial, that each
 17 allegation stated by Plaintiff is true and that each is responsible and are accountable for
 18 any and all damages assessed against the Plaintiff, in addition the evidence will show
 19 that the Nigerian Governments agents were/are paying inmates at Kuje Prison, known
 20 as John Does 1-20, (Collectively “Defendants”). To cause harm to Plaintiff, Plaintiff
 21 states and alleges as follows:

24 **INTRODUCTON**

25 1. The Plaintiff Albert R. Steward, III brings this lawsuit for Murder for Hire,
 26 Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Attempted Murder, Cruel and Inhuman

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1 Treatment, Torture, False Imprisonment, Intentional Infliction of Emotional
2 Distress, Defamation and Fraud, and any and all other torts pursuant to the
3 Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (“FSIA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1602, *et seq.*, arising from a
4 planned attack on the Plaintiff by, The Federal Republic of Nigeria, The Nigerian Drug
5 Law Enforcement Agency, The Central Bank of Nigeria and, and inmates in the Abuja
6 Prison, that were paid by the Nigerian Governments agents, along with The Central
7 Bank of Nigeria who colluded with NDLEA agents to submit false bank documents
8 designed to look as if the Plaintiff had accounts with the bank, along with members of a drug
9 cartel wherein the received telephone conversations from the Defendant’s telephone
10 records will clearly show evidence that they are all working hand in hand with each other.
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13 The Defendants own telephone records received from Plaintiff’s CLOSS FILE
14 records, will show that when the Plaintiff on September 14, 2018 was arrested at the
15 Abuja International airport in Nigeria that it was planned well in advance of his arrival.
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18 THE PARTIES

19 2. Plaintiff, Albert R. Steward, III, a senior citizen and natural person of the
20 United States of America and a resident of the State of Minnesota.
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22 3. Defendant, The Federal Republic of Nigeria is a federal republic modelled
23 after the United States, with executive power exercised by the President. In 2021, the
24 country ranked 154th in the 180 countries listed in Transparency International's
25 Corruption Index (with South Sudan, at 180th, being the most corrupt, and Denmark the
26 least). Corruption runs through every level of Nigerian government. From considerable
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1 contract fraud at the top, through petty bribery, money laundering schemes,
2 embezzlement and seizing salaries from fake workers, it is estimated that corruption
3 within the state apparatus costs the country billions of dollars every year.
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5 4. Defendant, The Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency. (NDLEA) is
6 a Federal agency in Nigeria charged with eliminating the growing, processing,
7 manufacturing, selling, exporting, and trafficking of hard drugs. The agency was
8 established by Decree Number 48 of 1989. NDLEA is present in international airports,
9 seaports and border crossing. Its purpose is to try to eradicate cannabis by destroying
10 plantings. NDLEA is also supposed to target the leaders of narcotics and money
11 laundering organizations.
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14 5. Defendant, The Central Bank of Nigeria, is the Central bank and apex
15 monetary authority of Nigeria established by the CBN Act of 1958 and commenced
16 operations on July 1, 1959.
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18 6. Defendant, John Does 1-20, Nigerian Government paid inmates of the
19 Abuja prison. Based on information and belief are associated with the agents of The
20 Federal Government of Nigeria and agents of The Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement
21 Agency the Central Bank of Nigeria.
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23 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

24 7. This Court has personal and subject-matter jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claims
25 under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1330(a), 1330(b), 1331, 1332(a)(2), and 1605A.
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27 8. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(f)(1).
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1 9. 28 U.S.C. § 1605a(1) provides **(1)No immunity.**— A foreign state shall
2 not be immune from the jurisdiction of courts of the United States or of the
3 States in any case not otherwise covered by this chapter in which money
4 damages are sought against a foreign state for personal injury or death that
5 was caused by an act of torture, extrajudicial killing, aircraft
6 sabotage, hostage taking, or the provision of material support or
7 resources for such an act if such act or provision of material support or
8 resources is engaged in by an official, employee, or agent of such foreign
9 state while acting within the scope of his or her office, employment, or
10 agency.
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13 FACTUAL BACKGROUND

14 10. Plaintiff Steward a United States citizen who, On September 8, 2018
15 he left on what was supposed to be a 10 to 15-day trip, going from Minnesota to
16 London to New Zealand for the main purpose of selling his internet programs and
17 businesses to a group in New Zealand, and then back home. The day before leaving
18 the plan changed, he was to go to Nigeria to sign some documents, then to New
19 Zealand, Plaintiff decided to take advantage of it and ultimately visit Dubai then to
20 New Zealand.
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23 11. On or about February 3, 2017 Steward begin receiving emails from a
24 person calling himself David Jackson. Mr. Jackson was saying that steward was
25 entitled to a \$10.5 million dollar inheritance, but he needed to go through Nigeria to
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1 sign documents and then take the documents to New Zealand. Mr. Jackson was very
2 convincing for he mentioned properties that steward had lived in the past and linking
3 the person who had supposedly left the money.
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5 12. Another convincing factor was that all expenses were to paid for, the
6 plane tickets, the hotel, food and everything was to be paid for, Steward supposedly
7 had to pay nothing out of pocket. Although when arriving at the airport in Abuja,
8 Steward had to pay \$260.00 of his own money for a VISA on arrival fee.
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10 13. Unknown to Mr. Jackson and his cartel, Steward had been talking with a
11 group from London about selling his internet advertising businesses (GlobalBanners.com),
12 which had taken over 20 years to perfect, with an proposed estimated valued of well over
13 \$600 million (Exhibit "C Page 1"), thus Steward decided to take advantage of having the
14 trip paid for, so instead of meeting the group in London they were to meet in New Zealand,
15 however due to the direct illegal and preplanned actions of the Defendants, Plaintiff lost
16 all his software and businesses valued as stated in Exhibits "C" of \$615,648,972.00,
17 therefore Defendants are liable to Plaintiff in the amount of \$615,648,972.00 plus interest
18 plus punitive damages and any additional amounts the Court may deem appropriative.
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20 14. Steward, by instruction of Mr. Jackson, left on the first phase of his trip on
21 September 8th 2018. Arrived in London on the 9th and landed in Nigeria at approximately
22 5:00am on September 10th 2018. As informed by Mr. Jackson, a driver was waiting and
23 after going through the VISA on arrival process the driver took Steward to a hotel called
24 The Tranquil Mews Hotel, located at Plot 1079, Umar Shuaibu Avenue, off Good Tidings
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1 Church, Off Ngozi Okonjo Lweala Road, Utako, Abuja, Nigeria.
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3 15. On the 10th Steward received a call from Mr. Jackson informing him his
4 colleague, whom he said his name was Jerry would be stopping by to make sure all was
5 ok and said for Plaintiff to order anything he needed from room service. On the 11th a
6 young man calling himself Jerry stopped by and introduced himself and said he needed
7 to get gifts for the Executives in New Zealand and that he would stop back the next day.
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9 16. On the 12th, he stopped by and said he was still getting the gifts together
10 and he also gave me a small cell phone, he said it would make contact easier.
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12 17. On the 13th he called on the phone he had given Plaintiff and said again he
13 was getting the Documents that were needed to sign and the gifts for the Executives and
14 he would be there tomorrow to take Plaintiff to the airport.
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16 18. On the 14th, he called and said he was on his way, we were to be at the
17 airport by 3:00 pm, he arrived at approximately 2:25pm, and it would take time to get to
18 the airport, he came into the room and showed me a travel bag, which had shirts and bags
19 of coffee beans, or so I thought, along with the documents to be signed, we were running
20 late thus there was no time to look closely at the documents, which appeared to be part of
21 their plan, Jerry held up only the corners of the 3 pages which was all of the documents
22 that could be seen, so they were signed because of the rush for time and the need to get to
23 the airport.
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25 19. The travel bag containing the items; Jerry took a picture of me with his
26 travel bag and my garment bag and stated not to worry about the luggage it would be
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1 taken at the airport.

2 20. After collecting everything we left for the airport, there was a driver waiting
3 in the parking lot, I continued to the vehicle, while Jerry stopped at the register desk and
4 paid in person whatever was owed at the Hotel.

5 21. When reaching the vehicle, the trunk was open and I placed my bag into the
6 trunk, and got in the front seat. When Jerry came out, he kept his bag with him in the back
7 seat and we left for the airport. On the way Jerry gave me \$200 of the \$260 that I had paid
8 at the airport for the VISA on arrival fee.

9 22. When arriving at the airport, we parked in the parking lot for approximately
10 a half hour, then suddenly Jerry said "they are here", then the driver pulled up to a different
11 spot and Jerry said for me to wait and he got out to flag down a porter, who then took my
12 travel bag out of the trunk, Jerry's gave him his bag by placing it on the porter's cart and
13 I was told to just follow the porter, who took me to the Emirates check-in counter. From
14 there the Porter unloaded the bags and someone else took them to what Plaintiff thought
15 was a weighing station, then the person brought them back and someone else took them
16 and said for Plaintiff to follow, and he was taken through the immigration area and
17 luggage check in. The person filled out the form, the luggage was taken to be loaded onto
18 the plane, or so I thought.

19 23. As I'm going to the loading platform I was instructed to step aside and two
20 others came and said for me to follow them, they took me back to the luggage area and
21 brought out my travel bag, and the other bag that Jerry had brought. They asked me if it
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1 was mine and I said no it was Jerry's, then they asked me to open it, so I started to and
2 someone else came and said not to open it here, they took me to the NDLEA office at the
3 airport where it was opened.
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5 24. It was not coffee! It turned out to be in total 5.3kg of Methamphetamines.
6 On November 14, 2018, I was arrested at the airport and charged on November 18, 2018
7 (Exhibit "A"). While I was in NDLEA offices, I was constantly being told not to worry
8 for they kept saying, "We know exactly what was going on". In the next 5 hours I was
9 writing my statement with the aid of the agents at the airport, I would start one and then
10 it was not acceptable, I would be told to start another one for a total of 7 times that I would
11 stop and then rewrite my statement.
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14 25. Then at approximately 11:00 pm, other agents brought in Jerry, in handcuffs
15 and sat him in a chair across the room right in front of me, I was flabbergasted, on how
16 they could have caught him so quickly, I did not give any description of him, nor was I
17 asked, yet they brought him in.
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19 26. After several days in the holding cell in the airport, I discovered why he
20 was apprehended so quickly, he had done the same thing to an older woman from London,
21 for her protection we will just call her Ms. Emi, where in her case they disguised their
22 drugs as a box of chocolates. He was being watched, his group of people used the same
23 name David Jackson and the same ruse, to where they paid for everything.
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26 27. The NDLEA area in the airport had two cells, at first Ms. Emi was in one
27 and they placed Jerry in the other, I was put on the floor in the interrogation room where
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1 I was writing my statements, after 2 days, for reasons that came clear sometime after, I
2 was put in the same cell as Jerry.
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4 28. It should also be noted that Ms. Emi was allowed to use a laptop computer
5 to pay her bills and anything else that she needed to do – however the agents were given
6 strict instructions that I was not allowed to have access to electronic medium, I asked
7 several times if I could setup auto pay so I would be able to keep everything going, my
8 request was a quick reply of no.
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10 29. I was also informed of his real name, it was not Jerry it is Anthony Chinedu
11 Okeke, male, 36 years old of No. 1 Asiata Street Okota, Lagos, and during his
12 interrogation he admitted that Steward had no Idea as to what was going on which
13 completely exonerated the Plaintiff, yet Steward was not released as the law provides
14 (Exhibit “D”), in fact this whole scenario is just one of the typical scams run by some
15 government officials. They target an individual whom they think they will be able to get
16 money from. They first stop the person, just before they board an airplane, or boat or any
17 other means of transportation that they oversee, then they get the persons personal
18 contacts, usually from the persons cell phone, then they start calling the contacts
19 attempting to extort money from them by saying the person is in trouble and try to get
20 the person(s) to send them money.
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22 30. During the interrogation’s I was asked if they could look into my cell
23 phones to see if they could find anything about Mr. Jackson or anything else, since I
24 knew I had done nothing wrong, and I was present at the time they made the request, I
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1 had no objections. I had three new phones, an iPhone X, iPhone 6c, and a Kyocera cell
2 phone, the type of cell phone Okeke gave him is unknown, but NDLEA has all 4 of them,
3 even after the American Embassy requested their return, to this day, they were never
4 returned to Plaintiff.

5 31. For protection on each of Plaintiff's phones there is a legal disclaimer which
6 rules over a program that is called a (**CLOSS FILE**) (Exhibit "B") – this program, of
7 which Plaintiff created does several things; a) It adds Back-Tracking Technology (BTT),
8 attaching itself to any and all information to any device should any unauthorized removal
9 or cloning take place, b) should anyone take anything from Plaintiff's equipment without
10 his permission, the parties or organizations, or government agencies' pursuant to the
11 Disclaimer Agreement, waive any and all immunities, including but not limited to witness
12 immunity, public officials' immunity from liability, sovereign immunity, and diplomatic
13 immunity or personal protections that they may normally have, c) should Plaintiff fail to
14 check into his account after a predetermined time, the information gathered would be sent
15 to a law firm, then that law firm would forward all the collected information to Frank
16 Vascellaro and Amelia Santaniello of WCCO TV.

17 32. **What this CLOSS FILE does and why it is so important:** If without
18 permission, any information that is taken from the phone(s), it will place an active file on
19 whatever electronic medium the stolen information is put on, and then; 1) Takes a picture
20 of the operator (if a camera is on the device), 2) It transmits all of the pictures, emails,
21 SMS messages and text messages from the device it is transferred to, to a cloud server, 3)
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1 It forwards that same CLOSS FILE to any device that the stolen information is distributed
2 to, and continues the extraction process until a kill code is entered into the device or the
3 device is destroyed.
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5 33. The discoveries received from the CLOSS FILE were received from thirty-
6 four (34) cell phones and four (4) computers that Plaintiff's telephone information was
7 distributed to. Wherein the collected evidence shows not only was Plaintiff set-up, but he
8 was setup by the Nigerian Governments Agents, including but not limited to The Agents
9 of the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency along with the Central Bank of Nigeria
10 and John Does 1-20, wherein the collected phone records includes the photos and
11 conversations held by the officials who admitted not only to setting up the Plaintiff, but a
12 multitude of other happenings, including bribery, murder, collusion with known drug
13 kingpins and high level government officials about how they select a person to question
14 and take the person's cell phone and call their family members to try and extort money
15 from them, and much more. In Plaintiffs case they did just that, they called the numbers
16 and tried to get family and friends to send them money. All records collected will be made
17 available, according to law, prior to trial.
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22 34. It was strange or lucky depending on how you look at it, the holding cell
23 that I was in, is located directly under the offices on the second floor, and through the air
24 vents I could hear the conversations that went on in the room above. Several conversations
25 were the officers trying to get money from other people. They would take the phone from
26 whomever they had in custody and call the contacts in the phone to try and extort money
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1 from them, my friends were in that group. In fact, I could hear them talking to a former
2 girlfriend of mine, trying to get her to send money, asking her if she had access to any of
3 my bank accounts, etc., this went on for several weeks, and I knew I had to do something.
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5 My cell mate was still conducting his activities even though he was behind bars and with
6 his connections he was able to receive a cell phone. Because of all the conversations I
7 could over hear from the room above, I made the choice to use his phone to call those
8 needed to be sure they would not send any money, or even worse come to Nigeria, so I
9 first called my former girlfriend and told her “Do not believe anything coming out of
10 Nigeria”, that was all I said, I also called the landlord, thinking I was going to be deported
11 soon, and basically told them the same thing and that I expected to be back shortly.
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14 35. A few days later when Mr. Paul finally realized they would not get any
15 money from anyone, he came down into the holding cell offices and said quite loudly
16 “there is no money”! At that point I knew other members in the NDLEA office were also
17 involved in the scams. Who exactly, I do not know, I did not have direct view of the office
18 I could not see who was out there but I could hear everything that was going on.
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21 36. Through the evidence of the telephone photos and conversations, etc., it was
22 discovered that the Defendants were all colluding together and have been for several
23 generations.
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25 37. While being held at the airport holding cell, we were allowed to go to an
26 area where we could shower and shave, unfortunately it was at the top of a very long flight
27 of steps. I have herniated disks and going up and down the stairs caused a major problem
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1 with my back, it became extremely painful and I suffered several weeks before they took
2 me to a doctor to get help. I was in great pain and could not stand up straight and I could
3 hardly move. My back was in such shape that I had to use crutches in order to get around,
4 I was struggling for some time, and unknown to me at the time, the officers were taking
5 pictures of me struggling to get around.

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7 38. The Doctor gave me a shot of something that really helped. I was in much
8 less pain and could walk around fairly well, and again unknown to me the agents were
9 still taking pictures of me, but now I was walking okay. Still unknown to me at the time,
10 the officers were still taking pictures of me but now I'm walking around with no problem
11 and those pictures became an issue awhile later.

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13 39. It was discovered from the CLOSS FILES that Plaintiffs arrival was known
14 by the Officials, long before he arrived, and that Plaintiff was not and is not, the only
15 target of this government's agents.

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17 40. It was discovered from the CLOSS FILES that the Nigerian Governments
18 agents along with agents of the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency, and
19 government paid inmates of the prison known as John Does 1-10 were all colluding
20 together.

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22 41. It was discovered from the CLOSS FILES that the Agents manipulated the
23 Nigerian Court system, which guaranteed that Steward would not be deported home as
24 Mrs. Emi was, **even after Anthony Chinedu Okeke signed a confession and admitted**
25 **Steward had no idea what was going on and that Steward and Mrs. Emi, had no**

1 knowledge of any drugs. (Exhibit "D") There was a signed confession and he also
2 admitted the same to my Attorney.
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4 42. It was discovered from the CLOSS FILES that the Nigerian Governments
5 Agents were so afraid that Steward would be deported, they, with the aid of workers from
6 the Central Bank of Nigeria, presented false documents to the court, with an attempt to
7 further frame Steward, for supposedly funneling money through the Central Bank,
8 however when the Prosecuting Counsel Mike T. Kassa Esq. seen the documents, his
9 statement was "I know it when I see a setup", but yet still gave reference to a possibility
10 the fake papers may have some reference and stated "Defendant Steward as far as we can
11 find has no criminal record in Nigeria", The result, the Defendants manipulation of my
12 case was purposely postponed until it was impossible to go in front of the same judge that
13 his other victim had seen, so instead of being deported as the Prosecuting and my Defense
14 Attorney agreed to, I was returned back to the holding cell in the airport.
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17 43. It was discovered from the CLOSS FILES that Anthony Chinedu Okeke
18 was taking instruction from, an uncle who at the time was reported to be a senator, the
19 Personnel at the prison, and from NDLEA agents.
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22 44. On October 23, 2018 Plaintiff and the person who was the cause of all this
23 went to court again, he plead not guilty, and I plead not guilty under the instructions of
24 the attorney I had, Mr. Kenneth Osomo and we were both immediately taken from the
25 court to Kuje prison to wait for trial.
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27 45. October 31, 2018, the first of many threats to my life. (Exh. "E Page 1-6").
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1 46. When arriving at the prison, I was placed in the same cell group as Anthony
2 and this was not by accident, their plan was to pay for everything I needed, just to make
3 it look as if I was a part of everything they were doing, then on September 8, 2018, the
4 inmates via a cell phone were in communication with the drug cartel, NDLEA agents and
5 other officials in the prison, on what to do with me. They were all under the impression I
6 was asleep, (I WAS NOT), I could clearly see and hear what was going on. The bunk I
7 was in was setup as if I were on display in a coffin, they placed chairs around the room
8 and had a conference call as to whether or not they were going to kill me. That next
9 morning when they were collecting the inmates to go to court, I stepped out and refused
10 to go back in, stating they were going to kill me.

14 47. That afternoon when it was time to return to the cell I was told to stay in the
15 clinic, I did, and the guards came and literally carried me back to the same cell. The next
16 day I was moved to a different cell, not knowing how things worked. It turns out it did
17 not matter what cell you would be put in; it is the same group of leaders in each cell.

19 48. After all that I was allowed to go to the clinic each day and sit there, away
20 from the general population, just to try and stay out of sight and in less danger.

22 49. Physically I was at a point where I could not get around by myself, someone
23 would have to be assigned to me to make sure I could get from one place to another, The
24 American Embassy brought in a pair of churches to help me get around a little easier.

26 50. In the new cell, the paid inmates would continually try to intimidate me.
27 There was no running water, each cell dormitory has several 55-gallon drums that are

1 filled daily with water from one of the wells, you cannot drink it only cleaning and bathing
2 in it, however by order of the cartel and other high-level defendants, they were ordered to
3 set out what they call heavy water, in an attempt to get me to bathe in it. My back was in
4 bad shape and I could not get anything on my own, so I would have to pay others to get
5 and do things for me. Heavy water is basically toilet water, with added bacteria supplied
6 by the higher-level defendants. To bathe you needed to scoop the water out of the drum
7 into a bucket, I had to rely on someone to do this. This was a constant struggle, however,
8 they did get me a few times with their heavy water, as a result I caught symptoms of
9 Malaria, headaches, etc., and I'm still suffering effects from the things they had done to
10 me.

14 51. In the early morning on December 15, 2018, the first, 10 million Nara open
15 kill order (Exhibit "E" page 2) was transmitted to all the inmates who had phones. I was
16 able to see this when an inmate walked by me with the phone in his hand, I was able to
17 get to the clinic, before anyone was able to try and collect. Just before it was time to return
18 to the cell, it was decided among the higher-level Defendants, that it would be too risky
19 to act on their Kill Contract it at that moment.

22 52. On December 19, 2018, a 6 million Nara contract to kill was issued,
23 (Exhibit "E" page 2) stating it was to be split between cell members, and a vote was taken
24 in the cell to kill me, it was a very heated time, however it was stopped by others in the
25 cell, it was discovered that the government agents, actually paid some of the inmates in
26 advance, this was reported by me to the American Embassy, who would keep calling
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1 asking questions, which made them think twice on proceeding.
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3 53. On December 23, 2018 a 5 million Nara contract to kill was issued to take
4 place outside of the cell only, and on my way to the clinic I was struck in the back by
5 someone, (Exhibit "E" page 2) they later came to the conclusion if something were to
6 happen outside of the cell area, it would be difficult to say who did what.
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8 54. On December 31, 2018 another vote was taken in the cell to kill me, I lost
9 the vote and stayed awake, (Exhibit "E" page 2), it was determined at the time it would
10 cause to much trouble if I were to be murdered in the cell.
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12 55. January 11, 2019, another threat to life (Exhibit "E" page 2), the other
13 attempts to kill me failed, mostly due to the efforts of the American Embassy, so the
14 inmates were ordered to put various poisons in my food.
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16 56. My diet was very limited (Exhibit "E" page 5) because I'm allergic to
17 tomatoes which is in about everything there. My diet consisted during the 16 months of
18 torture consisted of the following: Ginger drink & Coffee, Eggs and Rice – Eggs and
19 Bread – Eggs and Beans - non digestive cookies – fruit, water & mixed nuts, that was all
20 I could eat without side effects. I was 185 lbs., when I arrived, I was 107 lbs., and very
21 sick when I left, then the Covid hit, I became worse, I'm still not totally recovered.
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23 57. January 11, 2019, was the first attempt of poisoning (Exhibit "E" page 2).
24 My food had a strange taste, I ate very little but I still had a stomach ache, headache &
25 diarrhea.
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1 58. January 20, 2019, something put into my drinking water (Exhibit "E" page
2), the bottled water smelled like sewage, I didn't drink any of it, however one of the
3 inmates tried to make it look like I was overreaching so he drank a big mouth full, and
4 got sick.
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6 59. April 09, 2019 there was a major leak in what was being planned against
7 me (Exhibit "E" page 3), one of the Doctors overheard what was going on and put a stop
8 to it, but that was after I was given an egg that was totally black inside, I did not eat it
9 either.
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11 60. April 11, 2019, one of the guards said they were going to start charging me
12 for sitting in the clinic bed, he was serious, (Exhibit "E" page 3), I got up and went back
13 to the cell. By the time I got back to the cell, the Doctor was their waiting for me and told
14 me he was joking, and tried to encourage me to keep going to the clinic, because of the
15 constant threats.
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18 61. By order of the higher up Defendants, the death threats, the poisoning
19 attempts, and physical attacks continued (Exhibit "E" page 3 and 4), but by continually
20 changing my movements I was able to avoided most everything by not keeping a set time
21 schedule of my movements.
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23 62. November 5, 2019, the high-level Defendants were getting worried,
24 because I had been writing down most everything that was going on. They even went as
25 far as to go through the things I had in my bunk, trying to see what I was writing down.
26 In case my notes were to disappear, I made several copies of everything, and actually gave
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1 one of the Doctors and the Pastor my notes so they could make a copy, this was just to
2 calm them down they were getting very nervous.
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4 63. Throughout the 16 months of torture, there were many violations put into
5 effect by the Defendants including but not limited to violations of; The Alien Tort Claims
6 Act (ATCA) and The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA), The Convention
7 Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment,
8 international law, The Nigerian Constitution, and several other laws and
9 international agreements. See personal notes (Exhibit "E") incorporated into
10 this complaint.
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13 **COUNT I**
14 **MURDER FOR HIRE**

15 64. Plaintiff re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-63 above and
16 incorporates same herein by reference.
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18 65. In violation of and not limited to 18 U.S.C. § 1958, International law,
19 The Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA), The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA),
20 The Nigerian Constitution, The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights,
21 Defendants, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency
22 (NDLEA), Central Bank of Nigeria, , and John Does 1-20, caused Plaintiff to travel from
23 the United States of America to Nigeria, the Defendants enticed Plaintiff to travel to
24 Nigeria and paid the cost of his air fare and lodging and food through interstate commerce,
25 and in the prison paid and encouraged inmates to murder Plaintiff in clear violation of
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1 state and international law. Thus, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for compensatory and
2 punitive damages and any other damages the Court deems just and proper.
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COUNT II
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER

5 66. Plaintiff re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-65 above and
6 incorporates same herein by reference.
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8 67. In violation of and not limited to 18 US Code § 1117,
9 International law, The Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA), The Foreign Sovereign
10 Immunities Act (FSIA), The Nigerian Constitution, The African Charter on Human
11 and Peoples' Rights, Defendants Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law
12 Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Central Bank of Nigeria, , and John Does 1-20,
13 intentionally entered into an agreement to kill the Plaintiff and that agreement
14 resulted in several government paid inmates attempts to kill the Plaintiff. Thus,
15 Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for compensatory and punitive damages and any other
16 damages the Court deems just and proper.
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COUNT III
ATTEMPTED MURDER

20 68. Plaintiff re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-67 above and
21 incorporates same herein by reference.
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23 69. In violation of and not limited to; 18 US Code § 1113,
24 international law, The Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA), The Foreign Sovereign
25 Immunities Act (FSIA), The Nigerian Constitution, The African Charter on Human
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28 Central Bank of Nigeria, and John Does 1-20.

and Peoples' Rights, Defendants, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Central Bank of Nigeria, , and John Does 1-20, on or about Dec. 10, 2018, at the Kuje Prison, in Abuja Nigeria, the defendants, Central Bank of Nigeria, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and John Does 1-20, did with clear intent to kill, the Plaintiff Albert Steward, a Citizen of the United States; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1113. Thus, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for compensatory and punitive damages and any other damages the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT IV
CRUEL AND INHUMAN TREATMENT

70. Plaintiff re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-65 above and incorporates same herein by reference.

71. In violation of and not limited to; 18 U.S.C. §§ 2340–2340A, International law, The Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA), The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA), the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights, The Law of Nations and The Nigerian Constitution, Defendants, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Central Bank of Nigeria, , and John Does 1-20, intentionally inflicted mental and physical pain on the Plaintiff Albert Steward, and issued instructions to its agents to continually torment Plaintiff by keeping him in prison and having its agents torment him by continually talking about killing him making sure he could hear the

1 conversations and having its agents put chemicals in his food and water, which
2 has caused the Plaintiff to have respiratory and other problems. Thus,
3 Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for compensatory and punitive damages and any other
4 damages the Court deems just and proper.

6 **COUNT V**
7 **TORTURE**

8 72. Plaintiff re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-71 above and
9 incorporates same herein by reference.

10 73. In violation of and not limited to; violations of international law,
11 The Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA), The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA, The
12 Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading
13 Treatment or Punishment, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights,
14 Defendants, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency
15 (NDLEA), Central Bank of Nigeria, , and John Does 1-20, inflicted severe mental
16 and physical pain and suffering by paying inmates to kill Plaintiff, Sending a
17 kill order via text message to any and all inmates who had phones, phones
18 purchased from the government officials, and instructing inmates to go to any
19 area where Plaintiff was and to talk loud enough for Plaintiff to over here
20 them talking and making plans on how they were going to kill him, or just
21 have the Plaintiff disappear. It is clear that Defendants were operating with
22 the consent and instructions of the Governments agents, to intimidate Plaintiff
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1 and make him fearful of his life. Thus, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for
2 compensatory and punitive damages and any other damages the Court deems just and
3 proper.
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5 **COUNT VI**
6 **FALSE IMPRISONMENT**

7 74. Plaintiff re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-73 above and
8 incorporates same herein by reference.

9 75. In violation of and not limited to; The Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA),
10 The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA, the Nigerian Law of Torts (1999),
11 the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, Defendants, Federal
12 Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Central Bank
13 of Nigeria, and John Does 1-20, intentionally held Plaintiff against his will, even
14 after receiving a full confession from the other Defendant (**Anthony Chinedu**
15 **Okeke**) that Plaintiff had no knowledge of any drugs, and was completely innocent.
16 Despite having this confession, Defendants continued to hold Plaintiff, and
17 eventually sent him to be tortured in Kuje prison for 15 months, causing
18 physical suffering, mental suffering and humiliation, the loss of all his
19 internet business, the loss of the sale of his business and worst of all Plaintiff
20 did not commit any crimes, and the Defendants knew this all along. Wherein
21 Anthony Chinedu Okeke, has admitted to framing Plaintiff and is currently
22 serving his sentence at Kuje Prison. Thus, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for
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1 compensatory and punitive damages and any other damages the Court deems just and
2 proper.
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COUNT VII
INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF
EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

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6 76. Plaintiff re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-75 above and
7 incorporates same herein by reference.
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9 77. In violation of and not limited to; The Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA),
10 The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA, the Nigerian Law of Torts (1999),
11 the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, Defendants, Federal
12 Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Central Bank
13 of Nigeria, and John Does 1-20, all knew from Defendant (**Anthony Chinedu Okeke**)
14 confession, Exhibit "D"), that Plaintiff had done nothing to justify his
15 continued confinement. Their direct actions, causing Plaintiff to be sent to
16 Kuje prison and paying inmates to kill and harass Plaintiff was completely
17 and purposefully intentional, despite the fact Plaintiff was proven to be
18 innocent. Thus, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for compensatory and punitive
19 damages and any other damages the Court deems just and proper.
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COUNT VIII
DEFAMATION AND FRAUD

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24 78. Plaintiff re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1-77 above and
25 incorporates same herein by reference.
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79. In violation of and not limited to; The Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA), The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA, the Nigerian Law of Torts (1999), the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, Defendants, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Central Bank of Nigeria, and John Does 1-20, presented to the court false documents that indicated Plaintiff had accounts at Central Bank of Nigeria, this was false. Then on March 25, 2019, Defendants forged Plaintiffs name and took N5,000 Nara from his order account (Exhibit "D" page 2). They used a fake signature to steal the money. Plaintiff questioned the removal and seen the fake signature in their record book. The money was never returned. Thus, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for the missing N5,000 Nara plus compensatory and punitive damages and any other damages the Court deems just and proper.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Albert R. Steward, III, respectfully asks this Court to enter judgment against Defendants awarding the following relief:

1. For an order of Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiffs' Murder for Hire claim (Count I) in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, plus compensatory and punitive damage, interest, costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate;
2. For an order of Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiffs' Conspiracy to Commit Murder claim (Count II) in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, plus

1 fees, and such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate;

2 3. For an order of Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiffs' Attempted

3 Murder claim (Count III) in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, plus

4 compensatory and punitive damage, interest, costs, reasonable attorneys'

5 fees, and such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate;

6 7 4. For an order of Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiffs, Cruel and

8 Inhuman Treatment claim (Count IV) in the amount of \$15,000,000.00,

9 plus compensatory and punitive damage, interest, costs, reasonable

10 attorneys' fees, and such other relief as the Court deems just and

11 appropriate;

12 13 5. For an order of Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiffs' Torture

14 claim (Count V) in the amount of \$25,000,000.00, plus compensatory

15 and punitive damage, interest, costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and such

16 other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate;

17 18 6. For an order of Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiffs False

19 Imprisonment claim (Count VI) in the amount of \$25,000,000.00, plus

20 compensatory and punitive damage, interest, costs, reasonable attorneys'

21 fees, and such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate;

22 23 7. For an order of Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiffs Intentional

24 Infliction of Emotional Distress claim (Count VII) in the amount of

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1 \$615,648,972.00, the value of his lost business venture and software, plus
2 compensatory and punitive damage, interest, costs, reasonable attorneys'
3 fees, and such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate;

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5 8. For an order of Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiffs Defamation and
6 Fraud claim (Count VIII) in the amount of \$100,000.00, plus
7 compensatory and punitive damage, interest, costs, reasonable attorneys'
8 fees, and such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate;

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10 9. An award of pre-judgment interest, attorney fees, costs and post
11 judgment interest in favor of Steward and against Federal Republic of
12 Nigeria, Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Central
13 Bank of Nigeria, and John Does 1-20,
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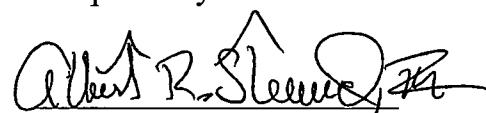
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17 8. Such further and other legal and equitable relief as the Court may
18 deem just and necessary under the circumstances.

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20 **JURY DEMAND**

21 Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all claims for which a jury trial is available.

22 Dated: May 26, 2022

23 Respectfully Submitted:

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